



Little Lake City School District

Where Kids Are #1

July 25, 2012

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Re: Little Lake City School District November 6, 2012 Bond Measure Election

Enclosed please find the Little Lake City School District Board of Education RESOLUTION NO. 13-010 "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LITTLE LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER" adopted on July 17, 2012 calling for a November 6, 2012 local bond election.

Also enclosed is our Tax Rate Statement.

We expect Exhibit B to the Resolution (the "Full Ballot Text") to be printed in its entirety in each sample ballot/voter pamphlet.

By this letter we are formally requesting to review a proof of the ballot statement language, the full text of the ballot proposition, impartial analysis and ballot arguments that would appear in the voter pamphlet prior to publishing. Please direct this proof to the undersigned as soon as it is available.

We believe that Education Code Section 15122.5 is applicable and we request that the County include the following "State Matching Funds" language in the ballot or voter pamphlet:

"Approval of Measure _____ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Little Lake City School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure _____ will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure _____. The district's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure."

If possible, the District would like to request the measure letter designation of "B". If not possible, the District requests that we not be assigned the letter "C".

We would be more than happy to provide you with the resolution electronically in order to facilitate your work, or to assist with this process in any other manner.

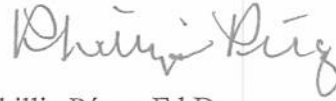
Mission Statement: *With a focus on learning, the shared mission of the Little Lake City School District community is to provide a quality education that ensures success for every student.*

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This letter also authorizes you to contact David Casnocha of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, our bond counsel, at (415) 283-2241 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Phillip Pérez", written in a cursive style.

Phillip Pérez, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: David G. Casnocha

RESOLUTION NO. 13-010

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
LITTLE LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING
AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS
OF THE ELECTION ORDER

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") is committed to maintaining the quality of education in our local public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that neighborhood schools within the Little Lake City School District (the "District") need to be upgraded, repaired, improved and better equipped to enable the District to maintain and enhance the education of all students in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is in the best interest of the District to address facility improvements now before they become more pressing and more costly; and

WHEREAS, the State of California (the "State") is unable to provide the District with enough money for the District to adequately maintain its educational facilities notwithstanding ongoing efforts to obtain such monies; and

WHEREAS, ongoing State budget cuts threaten the quality of local schools by forcing teacher layoffs, larger class sizes and deep cuts to instructional programs and the District's only remedy is securing local funding that the State cannot take away; and

WHEREAS, this measure will help provide funds that cannot be taken away by the State to upgrade aging schools, protect the health, safety and security of our children on school campuses, offset state budget cuts through increased efficiency and enable the District to qualify for state matching funds; and

WHEREAS, this measure includes mandatory taxpayer protections, including an independent citizens' oversight committee and mandatory audits to ensure funds are spent as promised; and

WHEREAS, in the considered judgment of the Board, mindful of the unparalleled opportunity that currently low construction costs and historically low interest rates afford, it is in the best interests of the District residents to provide additional facility and site improvement funding to meet such needs now by means of a general obligation bond, for the evidence gathered indicates that if these needs are not addressed now, they will only become more pressing and more costly; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 46, approved by the voters of the State on June 3, 1986 ("Proposition 46"), amended Section 1(b) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution by adding a provision that exempts from the 1% of full cash value limitation, those *ad*

valorem taxes used to pay for debt service of any bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property approved on or after July 1, 1978, by two-thirds of the votes cast by voters voting on the proposition; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, the voters of California approved the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act ("Proposition 39") which reduced the voter threshold for *ad valorem* tax levies used to pay for debt service or bonded indebtedness to 55% of the votes cast on a school district general obligation bond; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the passage of Proposition 39, Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 (commencing with Section 15264) of the Education Code (the "Act") became operative and established requirements associated with the implementation of Proposition 39; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings herein to be applicable to ~~this election order and to establish certain performance audits, standards of financial~~ accountability and citizen oversight that are contained in Proposition 39 and the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the submission of a proposition to the District's voters at an election to authorize the issuance of bonds to pay for certain necessary improvements and enhancements to District educational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby determines that, in accordance with Opinion No. 04-110 of the Attorney General of the State of California, the restrictions in Proposition 39 which prohibit any bond money from being wasted or used for inappropriate administrative salaries or other operating expenses of the District shall be enforced strictly by the District's Citizens' Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code Section 15270, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, the Board has determined that, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued will not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per year per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property; and

WHEREAS, Section 9400 *et seq.* of the Elections Code of the State of California (the "Elections Code") requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials relating to the election, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored, or distributed by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the filing of a ballot argument in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, and to request the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to perform certain election services for the District;

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LITTLE LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board, pursuant to Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506, hereby requests the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to conduct an election under the provisions of Proposition 39 and the Act and submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount of \$18,000,000 (the "Bonds") shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the projects described in Exhibits "A" and "B" hereto. Both exhibits are directed to be printed in the voter pamphlet.

Section 2. That the date of the election shall be November 6, 2012.

Section 3. That the purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A," incorporated by reference herein, and containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay for improvements to the extent permitted by such proposition. In compliance with Proposition 39 and the Act, the ballot propositions in Exhibits "A" and "B" are subject to the following requirements and determinations:

(a) the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall be used only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries or other school operating expenses;

(b) that the Board, in establishing the projects set forth in Exhibit "B," evaluated the safety, class size reduction, classroom, educational, and information technology needs of the District as well as the importance of the projects to student achievement and high quality instruction;

(c) that the Board shall cause an annual, independent performance audit to be conducted to ensure that the Bond monies get spent only for the projects identified in Exhibit "B" hereto;

(d) that the Board shall cause an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of Bonds to be conducted until all of the Bond proceeds have been expended;

(e) that the Board shall appoint a Citizens' Oversight Committee in compliance with Education Code Section 15278 no later than 60 days after the Board enters the election results in its minutes pursuant to Education Code Section 15274; and

(f) that the tax levy authorized to secure the Bonds of this election shall not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per \$100,000 of taxable property in the District when assessed valuation is projected by the District to increase in accordance with Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

Section 4. That the authority for ordering the election is contained in Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506.

Section 5. That the authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Sections 5322 of the Education Code.

Section 6. That the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 6, 2012 within the District.

Section 7. That the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters no later than August 10, 2012.

Section 8. That any Bonds issued pursuant to Section 15264 *et seq.* of the Education Code hereto shall have a maturity not exceeding twenty-five (25) years, and Bonds issued pursuant to Section 53506 of the Government Code shall have a maturity not exceeding forty (40) years. The maximum rate of interest on any Bond shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by Government Code Section 53531.

Section 9. That the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass of the returns of the election be made by any body or official authorized by law to canvass such returns, and that the Board consents to such consolidation.

Section 10. Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code and Section 10002 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County is requested to permit the Registrar of Voters to render all services specified by Section 10418 of the Elections Code relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse Los Angeles County, such services to include the publication of a Formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement

(described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code) pursuant to the terms of Section 5363 of the Education Code and Section 12112 of the Elections Code.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 17th day of July, 2012.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LITTLE
LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

By George Buchanan
President

Attest:

Phillip King
Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY)

I, Phillip Perez, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 13-010, which was duly adopted by the Board of Education of the Little Lake City School District at the meeting thereof held on the 17th day of July, 2012, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1

ABSTENTIONS: 0

By

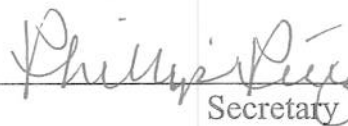

Secretary

EXHIBIT A

"To improve the quality of local schools by renovating old and outdated classrooms, restrooms, upgrading science labs and computer systems to keep pace with technology, improving student safety and security systems, repairing, constructing, acquiring classrooms, school facilities and equipment, and to remove hazardous materials and improve student safety and security systems shall Little Lake City School District issue \$18,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, with mandatory audits, independent citizen oversight and all money staying local?"



Bonds – Yes

Bonds – No

EXHIBIT B

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION OF THE LITTLE LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2012

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the Little Lake City School District.

“To improve the quality of local schools by renovating old and outdated classrooms, restrooms, upgrading science labs and computer systems to keep pace with technology, improving student safety and security systems, repairing, constructing, acquiring classrooms, school facilities and equipment, and to remove hazardous materials and improve student safety and security systems shall Little Lake City School District issue \$18,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, with mandatory audits, independent citizen oversight and all money staying local?”

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Education of the Little Lake City School District is committed to safe and secure schools with upgraded classrooms, libraries, science labs and technology systems to keep pace with 21st century learning standards. The Board evaluated the District's urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, class size, computer and information technology, enrollment trends in developing the scope of projects to be funded. The District conducted a facilities evaluation and received public input in developing this Project List. Teachers, staff, community members and the Board have prioritized the key health and safety needs so that the most critical facility needs are addressed. The Board concluded that if these needs are not addressed now, the problems will only become more pressing and expensive to address. **Therefore, in approving this Project List, the Board of Education determines that the District should:**

- (i) renovate restrooms to make them accessible for students with disabilities; and
- (ii) make repairs and energy efficiency improvements that will free-up money to protect the quality of classroom instruction in core subjects like reading, math, science and technology; and
- (iii) update instructional technology in the classroom for improved student learning; and
- (iv) protect the health, safety and security of our children on school campuses; and
- (v) adhere to specific FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY safeguards such as:
 - (a) Sacramento must be prohibited from taking any of the funds raised,

- (b) All expenditures must be subject to annual independent financial audits,
 - (c) No funds can be used for administrators' salaries and pensions,
 - (d) All funds must be subject to local control,
 - (e) An independent citizens' oversight committee must be appointed to ensure that all funds are spent only as authorized.
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The Project List includes upgrades and improvements at the following schools:

Cresson Elementary School
Jersey Avenue School
Lakeland Elementary School
Lakeview Elementary School

Paddison Elementary School
Studebaker Elementary School
William Orr Elementary School
Lake Center Middle School
Lakeside Middle School

School Renovation, Repair and Upgrade Projects

Goal and Purpose: Since protecting quality education in local schools and the health, safety and security of our children on campuses requires renovating, repairing and upgrading outdated school buildings, bathrooms, classrooms, computers, technology, school libraries and equipment to give all children the resources they need to learn and stay up-to-date with the latest advances in technology and education, local schools will benefit from projects including:

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- Renovate restrooms to make them accessible for student with disabilities.
 - Make repairs and energy efficiency improvements that will free-up money to protect the quality of classroom instruction in core subjects like reading, math, science and technology.
 - Repair or replace old, worn-out roofs, floors, walkways, lighting, plumbing and electrical systems.
 - Remove any hazardous materials, such as asbestos and lead paint, from school sites.

School Health and Safety and Energy Efficiency School Projects

Goal and Purpose: Since good, safe and up-to-date schools help protect and improve local property values and reduce maintenance and operating costs, returning more money to the classroom, schools and school sites will benefit from a variety of health and safety projects, such as:

Student Safety

- Upgrade schools to meet handicap accessibility requirements.
- Upgrade and repair physical education facilities and playground equipment so they meet current safety standards.

Energy Efficiency – Returning Savings to the Classroom

- Replace old and inefficient windows, lighting, irrigation, heating and ventilation systems which waste money and use the savings to prevent cuts to teacher and instructional programs.
- **Install energy efficient systems to save money and return the savings to the classroom.**

District-Wide Instructional Technology and Wiring Projects To Maintain A High Standard of Achievement

Goal and Purpose: Since some school buildings have not been renovated in over 50 years, schools, technology and equipment need to be updated if our students are to have the same opportunities as others to succeed. Improved computer technology will allow our teachers and students to use up-to-date teaching methods and enhance instruction in core academic subjects:

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- Updated instructional technology in the classroom for improved student learning.
 - Upgrade and expand wireless systems, telecommunications, Internet and network connections.
 - Upgrade classroom and library technology and teaching equipment to enhance instruction.
 - Additional electrical service capacity to improve computer technology and internet access.

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The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency, and escalation for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility assessment reviews, environmental studies, construction documentation, inspection and permit fees, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by bond projects. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers, projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, smart boards, sound projection systems, printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, phone systems, call manager and network security/firewall, and other miscellaneous equipment and software. The repair of school facilities includes, campus accessibility, utilities, and grounds, playground equipment, hard court surfaces, shade structures for student assembly and protecting students from inclement weather during lunch, libraries, District support facilities, fire sensors; athletic and play fields turf may be upgraded for safety and operational efficiency; renovate and

paint interior and exterior building surfaces to extend their useful life; security, safety and communication systems and equipment; window and floor coverings (including tiles and carpeting); upgrade irrigation systems; improvements and furnishings and/or other electronic equipment and systems. The Project List also includes the refinancing of any outstanding lease obligations, or the bridge loans taken to initiate voter approved projects. The allocation of bond proceeds may be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District may not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration and landscaping, may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, redirecting fire access, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property.

Bond proceeds shall be expended only for the specific purposes identified herein. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to the bond projects. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY: IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15272, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL APPOINT A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND CONDUCT ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ASSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT ONLY ON DISTRICT PROJECTS AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

No Administrator Salaries: Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and school administrator salaries and other operating expenses.



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The Little Lake City School District Governing Board approved the resolution calling for a general obligation bond election on the November 6, 2012 ballot. In connection with that election, and per your instructions, we are writing to make the following requests regarding our measure identifier letter assignment.

As our first and second choice, we would like:

1. "B"
2. "C"

We recognize that the letters will be assigned based on the order when requests were submitted and appreciate your efforts to accommodate our request.

In addition to the letters that we would like to have, the following are letters that we do not want to have assigned to our measure. Some of them are for obvious reasons, while others are specific to this district. Thank you for not assigning one of the following letters.

- "D"
- "F"
- "K"
- "L"
- "N"
- "O"
- "X"

Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to working with you.

Dr. Phillip Perez
Superintendent

July __, 2012

Acknowledgement:

I, _____, of the Elections Office of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters acknowledge receipt of LITTLE LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION NO. _____ "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LITTLE LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER" adopted on July 17, 2012 calling for a November 6, 2012 election.

Signature

Date

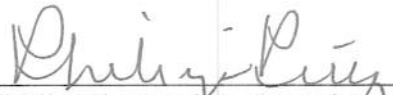
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This is to certify that the following is an exact copy of an excerpt from minutes of the regular meeting of July 17, 2012 of the Little Lake City School District Board of Education:

It was moved by Mrs. Richard Martinez and seconded by Mrs. Lynn Berg that the Board of Education adopt Resolution Number 13-010 which pertains to the ordering of an election and establishing specifications of the election order for a Proposition 39 General Obligation Bond.

The results of a roll call vote were as follows:

Mr. George Buchanan – yes; Mrs. Hilda Zamora – yes; Mrs. Lynn Berg – yes;
Mr. Richard Martinez – yes; Mrs. Janet Rock was absent.


Phillip Pérez, Ed.D., Superintendent

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

On August 7, 2012 before me, Anita K. Hutchinson, Notary Public, personally appeared Phillip Pérez, Ed.D., Superintendent of the Little Lake City School District, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.


Anita K. Hutchinson

